to acute shortage of aircraft capacity and lack of infrastructural facilities, they are at present not in a position to link more places in the State.

Development of Machilipatnam Beach In Andhra Pradesh as a Tourist Spot

2227. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development of Machilipatnam beach in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh as a tourist spot;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to States for development of tourism infrastructure at tourist centres on the basis of the specific proposals received from the State Governments. The Department has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Central financial asistance for development of Machilipatnam beach in Krishna district.

Rural Sports Centres in Andhra Pradesh

2228. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rural sports centres opened in Andhra Pradesh, so far;

(b) what is the amount of Central assistance provided to those centres during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance Central assistance;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to open more rural sports centres in that State; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The total number of Rural Sports Centres opened in Andhra Pradesh so far is being ascertained. During the last two years grants as mentioned below were released to Andhra Pradesh for establishment and maintenance of Ruaral Sports Centres:—

1986-87	Rs. 1,05,300/-
1987-88	Rs. 1,71,000/-

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir,

(f) Does not arise.

Non-formal Education Centres

2229. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of non-formal education centres, functioning in different States, so far, under the universalisation of Elementary Education Programme;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase the number of such non-formal education centres during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) As